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Title : METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR RELEASABLY ATTACHING A POLISHING PAD  
TO A CHEMICAL-MECHANICAL PLANARIZATION MACHINE

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The instant application is a divisional of U.S. Patent Application No. 09/539,854, file March 31, 2000, which is a divisional of U.S. Patent Application No. 09/181,578, filed October 28, 1998. In accordance with 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.56 and 1.97 through 1.98, applicants wish to make known to the Patent and Trademark Office the references set forth on the attached form PTO-1449 (copies of the cited references, as required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.98, are enclosed). Although the aforesaid references are made known to the Patent and Trademark Office in compliance with applicants' duty to disclose all information they are aware of which is believed relevant to the examination of the above-identified application, applicants believe that their invention is patentable.

Applicants also wish to make known to the Patent and Trademark Office that applications, Serial Nos. 09/927,280, 09/928,174 and 09/927,266, describing and claiming subject matter that is similar to the subject matter of this application, were filed on

August 9, 2001. These related applications, which are divisionals of above-referenced Application No. 09/539,854, filed March 31, 2000, as well as any prior art cited therein, may be material to the examination of this application. The specification, claims, abstract and drawings of these related applications as filed are identical to those currently on file in the instant application as filed, therefore duplicate copies are not submitted herewith.

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